



STATE OF ARIZONA

JANICE K. BREWER
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

May 10, 2010

The Honorable Ken Bennett
Secretary of State
1700 West Washington
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

RE: Senate Bill 1422 (petitions; post office box addresses)

Dear Secretary Bennett:

Today I signed Senate Bill 1422, which permits certain voters signing candidate nomination petitions to use post office addresses rather than actual residence addresses.

Arizona law has long required that voters must have a residence to register to vote and reside in a district in order to sign nomination petitions for candidates seeking office from the district. The Arizona Supreme Court recently held in *Jenkins v. Hale*, that a voter's signature on a nominating petition is not invalid as a matter of law if the voter provides a post office box address in the address portion of the signature line. However, in the event of a challenge, the burden is shifted to the candidate to show the voter resided in the district and was therefore qualified to sign the petition.

Senate Bill 1422 allows a voter to sign a nomination petition using a post office address only if the voter has no residence address assigned by an official governmental entity or the voter's address is protected under A.R.S. § 16-153. This law will greatly benefit many Native American voters, as well as law enforcement officials whose addresses are sealed for security purposes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janice K. Brewer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.
Janice K. Brewer
Governor

JKB/jk

cc: The Honorable Robert Burns
The Honorable Kirk Adams
The Honorable Albert Hale

State of Arizona
Senate
Forty-ninth Legislature
Second Regular Session
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SENATE BILL 1422

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 16-314, 16-315, 16-321 AND 16-351, ARIZONA REVISED
STATUTES; RELATING TO PETITIONS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

Passed the House April 28, 2010,

by the following vote: 54 Ayes,

5 Nays, 1 Not Voting

[Signature]
Speaker of the House

[Signature]
Chief Clerk of the House

Passed the Senate March 22, 2010,

by the following vote: 27 Ayes,

2 Nays, 1 Not Voting

[Signature]
President of the Senate

[Signature]
Secretary of the Senate

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

~~This Bill was received by the Governor this~~

~~_____ day of _____, 20____,~~

~~at _____ o'clock _____ M.~~

~~_____
Secretary to the Governor~~

~~Approved this _____ day of~~

~~_____, 20____,~~

~~at _____ o'clock _____ M.~~

~~_____
Governor of Arizona~~

S.B. 1422

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

~~This Bill was received by the Secretary of State~~

~~this _____ day of _____, 20____,~~

~~at _____ o'clock _____ M.~~

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Secretary of State~~

SENATE CONCURS IN HOUSE
AMENDMENTS AND FINAL PASSAGE

Passed the Senate April 28, 20 10

by the following vote: 30 Ayes,

0 Nays, 0 Not Voting

Robert L. Brown
President of the Senate

Charmine Ballington
Secretary of the Senate

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

This Bill received by the Governor this

29 day of April, 20 10

at 9:40 o'clock A. M.

Alfred Bandle
Secretary to the Governor

Approved this 10 day of

May, 2010

at 11:30 o'clock A. M.

Janice K. Brewer
Governor of Arizona

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill received by the Secretary of State

this _____ day of _____, 20 _____

S.B. 1422

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State